

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2060

January 30, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a Class E felony offense of intentionally or knowingly: (1) torturing, maiming, or grossly overworking wildlife; (2) transporting or confining wildlife in a cruel manner; or (3) inflicting burns, cuts, lacerations, or other injuries or pain to wildlife, by any method. Effective January 1, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation does not prohibit the shooting of birds or game for the purpose of human food or the use of animate targets by incorporated gun clubs.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-14-202(g), cruelty to animals is a Class A misdemeanor and a second or subsequent conviction is a Class E felony.
- Based upon information provided by the Department of Correction, there has been one admission in the past 10 years for the Class E felony offense under Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-14-202(g) for animal cruelty.
- There will not be a sufficient change in the number of Class E felony prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.
- Any impact to state incarceration is estimated to be not significant.
- Based on the Fiscal Review Committee's 2008 study and the Administrative Office of the Courts' 2012 study on collection of court costs, fees, and fines, collection in criminal cases is insignificant. The proposed legislation will not significantly increase state or local revenue.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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